

The Chicago Democratic Convention has nominated Gen. McLellan for the presidency, on an armistice and reconstruction "Platform." An armistice will, we fear, be impossible, unless the North consents to open Southern ports, a course which would throw the whole game into the hands of the Confederates, and an armistice without such a concession, would never be acceded to by the latter.

The Federal operations on the Weldon road have hitherto been attended with success, and the line remains in their possession.

LATEST INTELLIGENCE.

NEW YORK, Sept. 2nd.

Advices from Mobile Bay are to the 27th. Over sixty heavy guns and a large quantity of ammunition were surrendered with Fort Morgan. Over three thousand shells were thrown into the fort by the fleet during 12 hours preceding the surrender.

The rebel ram "Nashville" was blown up by the "Metacomet" on the night of the 25th ult., below Mobile. She was 369 feet long and to mount 12 guns.

Numerous torpedoes have been fished up from the channel. Latest despatches from Grant report unusual quiet along his entire lines.

Newspaper reports assert that Lee is preparing for another attempt to retake the Weldon Railroad.

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INVIDIOUS.

The following Advertisement is taken from the *Reporter* :—

BOARDERS WANTED.

A few Gentlemen can be accommodated with comfortable Board and Lodgings at No. 32, George Street. Mechanics preferred.

Johnson defines a "gentleman" as "a man above the vulgar," and we see no reason why a mechanic should not rise above the vulgar, and be a gentleman. But why the proprietor of No. 32, George Street should prefer mechanics to all other gentlemen is a problem difficult of solution. It is but natural to suppose that gentlemen should be preferred to ordinary mechanics, but why should mechanics be preferred to ordinary gentlemen? Since only gentlemen can be accommodated, why make a distinction so invidious? A man trading upon the proceeds of mechanism skillfully applied may have a soul as much above the vulgar as a man versed in the process of manufacture. The advertiser in question must surely labor under some strange misconception regarding the meaning of certain words.

Local Matters.

THE CONCERT.

The Concert held in the Horticultural Gardens on Monday evening, although not so well attended as it might have been, was nevertheless appreciated by a large concourse of people. The extra seats provided were for the most part occupied, and those present seemed to enjoy the music greatly. Mrs. Stephenson is a fair second rate singer, and has studied stage business to advantage. Although not gifted with a very powerful voice, she possesses the merit of making the most of her powers, and that in a manner both pleasing and effective. She has, in common with several artists of a higher order, a tendency towards screaming, while executing grand compositions; but in ballad music she is perfectly at home, and wins her audience through vivacity. Nothing could have been better than her "acting in the "drum songs," and her execution of Rory O'More was such as to call forth loud applause. The "drum song," which concluded the first part of the programme, was well written, and set to the popular music of the "white cockade;" but the "drum song" which concluded the entertainment was from first to last, simply—clap-trap—and not even the time honored tune of the "British Grenadiers" could divert it of sensationalism. The band of the 16th Regt., seems to have suffered nothing from the absence of its legitimate leader—indeed the execution of "The Merimae" galop, on Monday last, was as perfect as could possibly be expected from a Regimental Band. The night was lovely, and the illuminations tolerably good. We trust that, ere our too brief summer concludes, we may be present at another open air concert. From such entertainments, the performers, the garden proprietors, and the public, derive a fair profit.

ARGUMENTUM AD HOMINEM.

It would seem that literary portraiture is at times a pastime fully as dangerous as caricaturing. Mr. BOURNOUT has been assaulted by a bursate giant, on account of some remarks published in the *Reporter*, regarding an eccentric Yankee lately arrived from Cape Breton. Whatever satisfaction the latter may have obtained by forcibly driving Mr. BOURNOUT into the gutter, there can be little

doubt that the would-be-bully has made himself thoroughly ridiculous in the eyes of all sober thinking men. The *Reporter* discarded the leading peculiarities of one whose follies were deemed worthy of remark in a small community. Mr. HEAD, by appropriating such remarks to himself, identified himself with such follies, and has reaped the just consequences of his childish egotism. Had he not thought proper to assault Mr. BOURNOUT, few of our citizens would have known of his existence; but his name is now known to all, as belonging to one seemingly demented.

SERPENTS.—A long vexed question regarding the habits of infant serpents has within the past week been satisfactorily settled in this Province. The possibility of young snakes voluntarily seeking protection within the bodies of full grown serpents would now seem to be placed beyond a doubt, inasmuch as a snake recently killed within twenty miles of Halifax was, when opened, found to contain a large number of living young. The body of the snake in question, carefully preserved in spirits, was despatched to an eminent English naturalist by the last mail.

A Temperance Pic-Nic will take place at Mount Uniacke, on the 9th of September.

The Pictou Cricketers were beaten by the Islanders at the recent match at Charlottetown.

The Canada papers intimate that it is the intention of the Montrealers to invite the leading citizens of St. John, Fredericton, and Halifax to be their guests during the approaching Provincial Exhibition in that city.

Complaints are almost weekly made at the Police office, of the disorderly conduct of a number of lads who are in the habit of congregating in the vicinity of Freshwater on Sabbath evenings, and annoying the citizens by their unseemly behaviour and profane and obscene language. Last Sunday this gang of urchins was more than usually noisy and turbulent.

ACCIDENT.—At a quarter past 6 on Thursday evening, a man fell from a waggon in Barrack street, and was taken up insensible.

The return Rifle match between the Scottish Volunteers and Chelmsford Greys, resulted in a victory to the former by nine points.

FIRE.—Early on Thursday morning, one of the houses fronting the Clock Tower was reported on fire. The fire was speedily got under. If the devouring element should claim its periodical dues, we know of no locality where the ravages would be less deplored by the citizens in general.

The Court of Enquiry touching matters connected with the Militia Artillery has been adjourned until next week, in consequence of Colonel Stairs of the 9th Regt., one of the members of the Board, being engaged with the annual drill of the latter corps. It is earnestly to be hoped that this most promising arm of our local defence—the Militia Artillery—will be placed upon an efficient footing forthwith. Anything that would tend to obstruct the organization of the great guns into an efficient corps must be avoided by every possible means.

We learn from the Yarmouth *Herald*, that on Monday, 22nd inst., at Tusket, two men, named John H. Hamilton and —Benson, got into a quarrel, which resulted in Hamilton drowing his knife and stabbing his opponent in the abdomen, inflicting a fearful wound. Benson lingered till Tuesday night when he expired. Hamilton made his escape and constables are in pursuit. Neither of the men had resided long in the country. Benson was from New Brunswick, and Hamilton represented himself as having been in the Federal army. The left hand of the latter is gone from the wrist.

Mons. L. Pajol has been appointed Professor of languages in Dalhousie College.

It is understood that the new Organ for St. Mary's will be ready at Christmas.

We learn that Ex-Ald McCulloch will be brought out for Alderman for Ward No. 1. Ald Danbar is again in the